## **PATENT**

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| STRUCTURE                            | ) |

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please enter the following preliminary amendment prior to consideration of this continuing prosecution application.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "1" and substitute therefor -- 29 --.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "3" and substitute therefor -- 29 --.

Claim 16, line 1, delete "4" and substitute therefor -- 5 --.

17. (Twice Amerided) An artificial bait structure, comprising:

a head having a forward end and a rearward end; and

first and second legs extending rearwardly from the rearward end of the head, wherein each leg defines an inner edge and an outer edge and terminates at a rearward end, and wherein the inner edge of each leg includes a generally linear portion adjacent the rearward end of

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